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For: **Optical Apparatus, Exposure Apparatus, Laser Light Source, Gas Supply Method, Exposure Method, and Device Manufacturing Method**

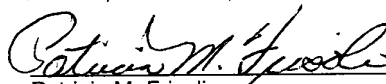
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**Response To Office Action of 6/23/2003**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2003.

Claims 1-37 stand subject to restriction/election. Applicant is required to elect an invention to which the claims must be restricted. The claims have been grouped as follows:

Group I, claims 1-26

Group II, claim 27

Group III, claims 28-36.

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Applicant elects the claims of Group I: claims 1-26.

Respectfully submitted,

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